

I would appreciate it if you could confirm whether the recent trip that Chief Constable Dave Thompson made to Australia in relation to the Commonwealth Games was paid for by West Midlands Police?

On the basis that I now believe up to 5 WM police officers went on the trip to Australia, please amend my entire FOI request so that all reference to the Chief Constable(dates, costs, and hotels) include the corresponding information for the entire police team attending so that the taxpayer can review the complete outlay.

If the costs were met by West Midlands Police can you provide the following details:

Please note: The expenditure incurred in relation to the Commonwealth Games will be paid for by the funding allocated to the organisation, this is in the process of being finalised. Therefore the following expenditure will be reimbursed to West Midlands Police.

1) The dates of which the entire police team travelled from/to the United Kingdom to Australia

Chief Constable- 1st April to 9th April

The Chief departed Australia on 8th April (he arrived back in the UK on the 9th due to the time difference)

Other Officers – 26th March to 13th April

2) The total costs of flights for Chief Constable Dave Thompson and accompanying guest(s) (if applicable) outbound and inbound

£6674.06

3) The name of the hotel/residence whereby the entire police team resided during the stay

The Chief Constable stayed at The Watermark Hotel and Spa the other officers stayed at Hilton Surfers Paradise Residences.

4) The total cost of the hotel/residence in relation to the above question

Chief Constable's accommodation:

The cost of the accommodation was £1,121 (x 5 nights)

Accommodation: £763.44 each for the other officers

5) The total cost of transport utilised by entire police team during the stay

Parking charges for the other officers which amount to £173.22

I would also like to post an additional question to establish the compliance of the outing in relation to the Equality Act, namely FOI Q6, Please confirm the Rank and corresponding ethnic and Gender status of all the Officers who were chosen to attend the Games in Australia.

The officers were chosen due to their extensive involvement and experience in event planning for major events, such as the Conservative party conference in Birmingham.

Rank:

Chief Superintendent	1
Chief Inspector	1
Inspector	2

Gender

Male	3
Female	1

3 of the officers are listed on our HR records as White British and 1 is White Irish